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United States Application Serial No. 10/087,447

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is requested to allow Claims 1-12 and 19, the only claims pending and under examination in this application following entry of the above amendments.

In the above amendments, Claims 13-18 and 20-24 have been canceled. The cancellation of these claims has been made solely in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, and the Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue these claims in a separate application.

In the Office Action, Claims 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In view of the cancellation of Claims 13-15 this rejection is moot and may be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone Dianne Rees at (650) 485-5999.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1078, order number 10020208-1.

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